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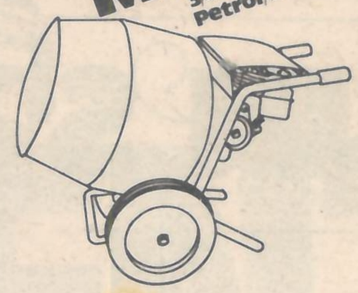

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GERRY: THE REASONS WHY. . .

FRONT PAGE SPECIAL

Banovic must win his spot

THE IMPRESSIVE form of former Stoke keeper Roger Jones (above) means that Jugoslav-born Australian international goalkeeper Vjckoslav ("Jaka") Banovic, due to be signed from Heidleburg of Melbourne this week, will have to fight for his place.

"We know that Jaka is a good 'un, not just because he impressed us when he had trials with us last season, but also because reports from all quarters say so", says Colin Addison. "We are now strong in a position where we were so weak, and that is good, with Roger and Steve Cherry also here. Jaka is aware that he will have to fight for a Reserve place, never mind a League spot. And he is ready to do just that".

Roger Jones, at 33 a short-term investment, has lived up to the assessment of Denis Smith the Stoke centre half. "In the air and on far-post balls Roger is as good as anybody and, remember, I played in front of Peter Shilton at Stoke". The scramble for the first team place in goal, which is sure to come, can only enhance Rams' prospects.

● Background to the Banovic signing. See Secretary's column, page 7.

DERBY COUNTY manager Colin Addison is not taking a leaf out of the book of his predecessor at the Baseball Ground.

So why was Gerry Daly sold to Coventry City a fortnight ago? Because the management considered that a bid in excess of £300,000 was right for a talented player who, on his own admission on tv "had not played for two years".

Colin Addison and John Newman had despaired of getting the Eire midfield star to perform last season. They knew Daly at his peak would have helped the desperate fight against relegation . . . intead they were forced to drop him. Very few among the fans disagreed with that decision.

Said the *Derby Telegraph Green Un* last Saturday: "Addison and Newman could not wait for ever for Daly to produce for them. They asked him, pleaded with him, even threatened him. They were unable to get through." They did all that, and more . . .

The Coventry bid in excess of £300,000, said the paper, was fair enough for a player who on his own admission had nor performed. Especially as, throughout the last two years only Bolton and Leeds, apart from Coventry, had ever named a price for the Irishman, who was on what can ony be described as a "lucrative contract" at Derby.

Ah, fans might well ask, if there was plenty of reason to sell Daly and, granted, the price was the best offered, why was David Langan allowed to move to Birmingham City in the close season?

It is no secret that the bank was pressing Derby County to reduce their very considerable overdraft at the time. As everybody knows, when the bank presses (and we must stress that the club's bankers have always been generous and helpful to the limit of their capabilities), something has to be done.

Birmingham City were the only ones to come in at the time with a hard cash offer. It is a very open secret, too, that had any concrete offer been made then for Gerry Daly, Colin Addison would never have agreed to the sale of David Langan. The manager's hands were tied by the financial situation.

It must be remembered, though, that David himself always insisted he wanted to stay in the First Division, and the thought is inescapable that had Gerry been able to conjure up last season the form we all know he has in him, they might both still be here. In the First Division. That status would possibly have eased the financial position.

● TURN TO BACK

A special invitation to our travelling fans

ONCE AGAIN, at Luton last Saturday, the travelling hordes of Rams fans made their presence felt as our picture (above) shows in no uncertain fashion. "What a grand bunch they are, and what a help to the lads," says Colin Addison. On page three Steve Powell makes no bones about it . . . the rapport which now exists between the fans and the lads is something special, and appreciated by the players.

Now, *Ram* photographer Peter Clarke (you all know Pete and his camera) has come up with an invitation. He wants to hear from a party of travelling Rams fans who have their own coach or hire van. He would like to join them for the day on the away game to Grimsby on September 13. "I'd like my camera to portray them on their day out, to capture their mood before, during and after the game. I'd like, through them, to pay tribute to the masses who follow Derby County everywhere". We'd like that, too, and will devote a special centre page to their pictures and story. Let us stress . . . it's Pop Siders or Ossie Enders we're after; those who travel in coaches or hire vans. There wouldn't be enough in one (or even four) cars to help us present the tribute we are after.

If you'd like Peter Clarke to join you on your Grimsby run, then write to him c/o "Fans Day Out", The Baseball Ground. Don't forget to include your name, address, phone number (if any). Give details of how you will travel, and how many will be in your party. Peter will do the rest.

Peter Clarke

WHERE TO MEET THE PLAYERS

DERBY COUNTY players have for many years accepted positions as Presidents of the various branches of the Supporters' Club, but the present management and the present squad hope to make it all more meaningful by adding their presence and support at chosen club functions.

Line-up announced: **Belper:** Alan Biley; **Castle Donington:** Kevin Wilson; **HQ (Derby):** Dave Swindlehurst; **Heanor:** Roy McFarland; **Ilkeston:** Steve Buckley (John Duncan, vice president); **Loughborough:** Steve Cherry; **Notts:** Alan Ramage; **Ripley:** Paul Emson; **South East Derbys:** Steve Powell; **Alfreton:** Barry Powell; **Ashbourne:** Roger Jones; **Ashby:** Steve Emery; **High Peak:** Jonathan Clark.

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COLIN'S COLUMN

WHEN I WAS asked by Pressmen at Luton last Saturday whether we deserved to win I answered with a reluctant Yes.

Why reluctant? Only because we really ought to have had the game out of Luton's reach by half time, even though they did most of the huffing and puffing.

Young Paul really should have scored twice. He did all the right things, including waltzing round the keeper, but couldn't put them away. I'm not picking on the lad, just pointing out that the chances were there to put it beyond Luton's recall early on.

There is no doubt we didn't perform as I know we can, but we came away with a win against one of the most highly fancied Second Division sides, who are most difficult to beat on their own patch. We did it because of attitude and character throughout the team.

We worked, and we pinched it. And I couldn't discuss Luton without paying tribute to Keith Osgood, who really was tremendous. He had had a fine game against Chelsea when he stepped in late for Roy Mac who had to pull out, and he didn't put a foot wrong at the back.

Twice at Luton he was there to hit the ball away from our line, and the equaliser he rammed into the net within a minute of Luton taking the lead just three minutes before the interval was the vital moment of the game.

Some commentators suggested we had our luck against the home side who "dazzled" us. How many times did the same thing happen to us last season, and it was good to see a highly efficient and organised display take the sting out of them. Everything taken into consideration, I consider my reluctant "Yes" to that question about whether we deserved to win was just about right.

I was far less reluctant to be hesitant after the win against Chelsea here ten days ago. That was a tough one for the lads, coming as it did so soon after our non-event at Cambridge. Chelsea, too, are among the best Second Division sides, and always posed problems.

But the longer the game went on, so the lads started to get it together after a hesitant start. John and I have talked about application and character for long enough, and that was the night when we needed it. We got it.

We got plenty of it, too, at QPR in the League Cup at Loftus Road on Tuesday evening. Once again our defensive output was magnificent, with Roger Jones showing the experience and know-how that has put confidence into the lads in front of him.

We know an experienced goalkeeper could make a big difference, and we now have the clean sheet we asked for all season. But we still have to win the second leg. It isn't over yet.

Getting it right at the back has been, and will remain our priority, but never fear we shall become negative. It's goals we're after too, and we look forward to a flow as our flair and invention develops.

Meanwhile, the season is still in its infancy.

There is a long way to go, and it is imperative that we string results together. What we need is maximum effort and the right attitude in **every** one of the 39 remaining League games.

Consistency must be the aim, and as the team settles down together, as we develop the blend that comes only with settled teams, there is a lot more we can expect from the squad.

It has been said, I hope not critically, that the squad has been so re-moulded in the year or so John and I have been here that seven of our signings were in the line-up last week.

It hasn't been done for the sake of change, but simply because the squad we inherited wasn't good enough. From now on change will take place much more slowly, but whenever we are in a position to improve our quality then we shall do it.

As you know John and I are always ready to go out and meet supporters, to explain what we are doing, and why. There is a statement on the departures of David Langan and Gerry Daly on the front page, and I am delighted any fans who may have been a little concerned now know the other side of the story.

I am anxious that you do not get a sour-grapes, what-else could-we-do impression though. I am just as adamant that no-one gets the impression that we will toss our best players away like falling Autumn leaves. In the case of Gerry we received a rare offer, one not likely to be repeated, as events over two years have proved. We examined our squad and felt that the player's form since we arrived justified nothing but acceptance in both his and our best interests.

Be sure that we shall keep you in the picture as often and as completely as we can. You Derby supporters deserve no less.

THEY'RE IN CHARGE

New pictures (above) of Derby County manager Colin Addison (left) and his assistant manager John Newman.

JOHN Newman's NOTEBOOK

GRADUALLY we have built up a side which ought to be good enough to make a good fist of a promotion challenge this season.

That's the evidence of our last two League games, and what delighted us most was the character the lads showed at Luton last Saturday. By any standards that was a good away performance, something not too often seen from Derby teams in the last two or three years.

During this time away wins have to be counted on the fingers of one hand, and by that yardstick it was satisfying to win in only the second away game of the season.

Now we have to build from that, to keep up the resilient defence, and to continue everyone working for each other, running for each other. I am not pretending it was a performance of quality at Luton, but the resolve to do well was there. And that is a bonus upon which we can build. Get the groundwork right, and we can look for the quality and the skill to emerge.

It is sometimes forgotten that Colin and I have to work within strict guidelines. It was obvious from the start that we had to make changes.

In the past, supporters of Derby County became used to the club going for the highest class players. This is beyond us for the moment, we simply cannot afford to bid in the £1m region.

Our investment has to be in younger players, each sound enough to improve . . . to build a side which can come along together.

That process is now well under way, and as they blend into a squad increasingly more used to playing together, then we can look to an improvement in the quality of

output. Into the mix, one aims to put the experienced player, too, as a way to advance the improvement.

If results come, then fans are encouraged to stay. Others to come back. Cash begins to flow back into the till in even greater volume, and management is, after a while, in a position to set their sights somewhat higher when adding to the squad.

That process is now in its infancy. We all need patience . . . and belief.

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PLAYER'S PLATFORM

Where all this season the lads will reply to questions sent to them by readers of the Ram

'Second Division sides knock the ball quickly from the back, rather than work it through midfield' SAYS STEVE POWELL

ONE THING the Derby County playing squad have learned for sure is that they cannot take the Second Division for granted. "Not after Cambridge on opening day", says Steve Powell. "They shook us rigid."

Answering a question from **Ronald Spriggs of Sancroft Road, Spondon** about the differences between the First And Second Divisions Steve says it's too early to be specific after only three games.

"But up to now we've found they tend to knock the ball up quickly from the back, rather than work it through midfield. And the opposition tend to chase, rather than use the ball".

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Mr. Spriggs wanted to know: You have never played in the Second Division before, so can you tell me what differences you have found? Is it harder than you thought, and what do you think now of our chances for promotion?

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"It's not harder than we thought it would be, I think we all knew it would be hard, and anyone who doubted that certainly found out at Cambridge. Since then we have tightened up and won both our League matches. We have had exactly the right attitude, and that's what we have to keep going for the next 39 games.

"We simply have to go out there and play as a team. Give us a chance to settle, though. In the back four, for instance, we have Roger Jones and Steve Emery who are completely new to their positions, while the team as a whole haven't been together long. The longer we can play together the better we shall get.

"Promotion? Let's wait a while before we talk about that, though there is no doubt we have a squad which should do well".

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Do you think defensive midfield is your best position? asks R.S.L. of Violet St., Derby (full name/address withheld on request).

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"At the moment, yes I do. Basically, I'm a defender through and through, but I like to be involved in the game for the whole of the 90 minutes, so I'm quite content with my present role. Towards the end of my career, though, I expect to take on the sweeper's role in the back four".

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Who do you consider the best Derby player you have ever seen? asks Roland Wills of Bramfield Avenue, Derby.

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"That's a tall order because there is no way I would compare strikers, midfield players and defenders with each other. Roy Mac is the best defender without doubt, followed closely by Dave Mackay and Toddy. In midfield I have seen no-one to compare with Archie and I don't think anyone else has, while Alan Hinton stands on his own as a winger.

"As an out-and-out target man John O'Hare stands alone. Kevin Hector as the ace goal-scorer, and as for the creator with vision unsurpassed it has to be Charlie George. Frannie Lee has to take it for sheer entertainment value. But how do you pick one out of that lot? You can't".

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I know you are local-born, Derby County through and through. Do you think the present squad is more 'Rams-minded' than any you've played in? From watching, I have a feeling it is — David Blackwell, Victoria Avenue, Barrowash.

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I couldn't answer 'yes' without casting some sort of slur on all our former players, could I? I like to think that all players put everything into it for their clubs, no matter who. What I think has improved is the rapport between our players and our supporters, which started to grow into something important towards the end of last season, and is continuing this time. Every one of our present squad is aware of it, and eager to send our fans home happy, I can tell you that".

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If a first division club came in for you, and you had the chance to go or stay, what do you think you'd do? — R.S., Lambourne Drive, Allestree.

"The situation hasn't arisen, so I haven't given it a thought. I'd be more than happy to stay at Derby for the foreseeable future".

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Do you still take Steve junior out for football practice? And has he a chance to be the third of the Powell family to play for the Rams? — Don Scott, Church Road, Quarndon.

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"He wouldn't be happy without his regular practices with me and he also enjoys a kick-about in the garden with his friend Jonathan from next door and they both come to our home games. If I don't wave to him as I go on and come off he is very upset.

"Would I like to see him as a pro footballer? If he was good enough, and he wanted it, I'd be delighted. But it would have to be his own choice, and that of my younger lad. That's vital".

THEY STILL REMEMBER TOMMY

OLDER FANS still remember Steve's Dad Tommy starring for the Rams. And he received these two questions about him:

Could you tell me how your father Tommy is? And does he ever watch you play nowadays? — L.S.P., South Croft, Derby (full name, address withheld on request).

Can you remember the first time you were taken to the Baseball Ground, and was your Dad playing for Derby? Can you remember who it was against, and the score? — Old Admirer, Ley Stand (name, address withheld on request).

It was a Reserve game, against Blackpool Reserves in 1962. I think Rams won 4-1. Certainly Dad was playing and I think the match was the one in which the great Rams goalkeeper Reg Matthews made his debut. Dad is keeping very well, and is still as keen as ever on Derby County. He watches all our home games and as many away as he can manage.

● *Our picture (above) shows Tommy holding grandson Steve (junior), Mum Gladys holding grandson number two, David. Watching are Steve and his wife Karen, a soccer fanatic in her own right.*

● *Picture shows the three Powells off on a training session.*

● STAR LETTER

After injury we often hear managers say it's up to the player to decide whether he is fit for a game. It's happened to you, and recently. What goes through your mind when faced with a decision like that? — Mildred Price (Mrs), 101 Quarn Way, Derby.

There are many times when only a player can decide whether he is match fit, and one always wants to play if possible. But that's really the easy part because if you go out then you have to decide whether you will do yourself and the team justice. Whenever it's a 50-50 decision people can, and do, make the wrong decision.

The sender of our Star Letter each issue will receive two stand tickets for a forthcoming match at the Baseball Ground.

On the Platform next

On the Platform next week answering your questions already received will be Dave Swindlehurst in the QPR League Cup issue on Wednesday and Roger Jones for the visit of his old club Blackburn in the Ram on sale in the shops next Friday morning. Next on the agenda will be **Alan Biley,** in the Wrexham issue for the match on September 20. If you have a question for Bi-Bi make sure your letter, addressed to "Players Platform", The Ram, Baseball Ground, Derby, arrives by next Saturday September 6.

Dave Swindlehurst.

Roger Jones.

COLIN ADDISON INSISTS DERBY COUNTY'S FUTURE DEPENDS ON A VIGOROUS YOUTH POLICY: A REPORT FROM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER GEOFF WORTH ON HOW IT'S GOING

Hundreds of kids from all over the country have asked us for trials

WHEN COLIN ADDISON approached me to take the job of Youth Development Officer he stressed the importance of it to Derby County's future. "Clubs who create their own talent will find they have jewels of great price as football's finances continue to provoke problems", he told me.

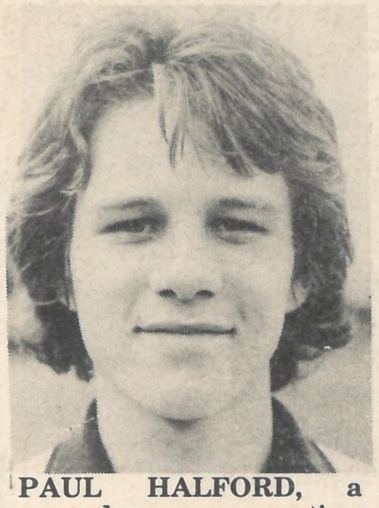
So interested were both he and John Newman, indeed the whole of the board and the administration hierarcy at the Baseball Ground, that I was immediately sold hook, line and sinker. and I took the job 12 months ago.

Look at the co-operation we all get in the junior ranks. Our chief scout, appointed by Colin and John, is former First Division manager Alan Ashman, a wily and knowledgable bird if ever there was one. Coaching the boys is Ron Webster, one of the greatest players ever to lace boots for the Rams, and proving a coach of persuasive talent. Looking after the young men in the Reserves is that very fine former Leicester City player Richie Norman.

It makes up a very fine and enthusiastic team. The dedication and enthusiasm bubbling all around our Raynesway Training Ground is having a deep effect on youngsters all over the country.

Those who have come here for trials, and their parents especially, are impressed. Which is good . . . and as I reported in our last issue, Derby County's good name as a Glamour Club of the seventies is rubbing off now, even though we were relegated last spring.

YOUNG RAMS (1)



PAUL HALFORD, a second year apprentice, whose impressive performances this season have earned the praises of Geoff Worth and coach Ron Webster. They say he sets a good example in his application, dedication and enthusiasm to all the young apprentices who have joined Derby County for their first year this season. Keep it going, Paul. A 17 years old, he really is a striker, but has been called upon to help out in midfield during emergencies this season.

I can tell you that I have hundreds, literally hundreds, of letters from youngsters and their parents asking for trials. Not one will be turned away.

At the moment I am busy collating them all into age groups, and I will shortly be inviting the boys to a series of trials. The lads pay their own expenses for these and, because they are keen to get a nitch into the professional game, 95% are prepared to pay those expenses. Their parents are, anyway.

If they are prepared to come and show us what they can do at their own expense, it's our duty to open up our gates and watch them play. Last time we did it we found none out of a hundred who had even a chance to make the grade, but the nugget who might one day be worth a £1 million is somewhere out there.

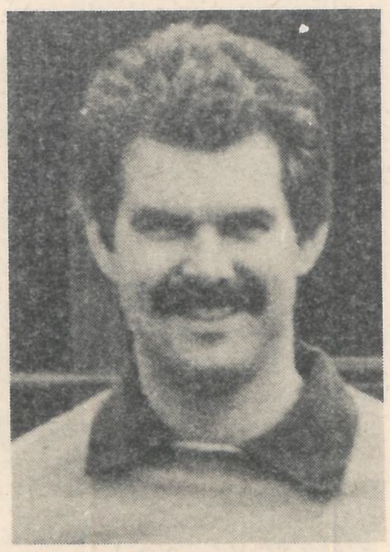
It's up to us to keep on looking. No-one will be turned away, that is Colin Addison's philosophy, which we all follow.

COURSES FOR TRIALISTS & SCHOOLBOYS

THIS WEEK we held courses on Monday and Tuesday for schoolboys from various parts of the country, of whom we have had promising reports from our scouting organisation. We have also entertained young triallists in the 14/15 age bracket.

This followed a course at Raynesway last week for 16 years olds. We are now assembling schoolboy prospects of all ages from 14 upwards who are now joining Derby County as associated schoolboy signings, to ensure a future continuous conveyor belt of some of the best young talent in the land.

It is on such foundations that the club's future will be built. If only two or three of these youngsters really make the grade the saving to the club financially will be enormous. Let's make our own Alan Bileys and Dave Swindlehursts . . .



Geoff Worth.

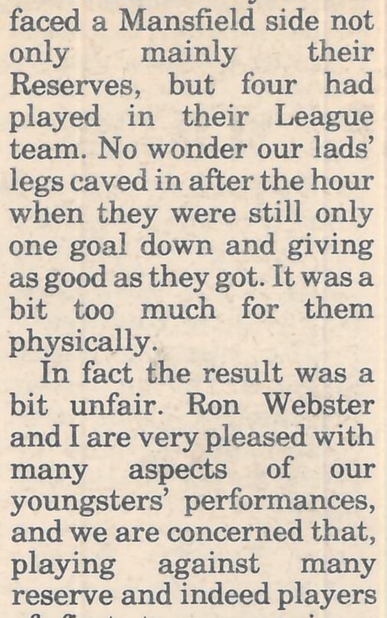
Tough in the Intermediate

LOOK AT the "A" team's results in the Midland Intermediate League, and you may think I am being unduly optimistic. After all, the lads were beaten 5-nil at Raynesway by Mansfield last Saturday.

But our 15-17 year olds faced a Mansfield side not only mainly their Reserves, but four had played in their League team. No wonder our lads' legs caved in after the hour when they were still only one goal down and giving as good as they got. It was a bit too much for them physically.

In fact the result was a bit unfair. Ron Webster and I are very pleased with many aspects of our youngsters' performances, and we are concerned that, playing against many reserve and indeed players of first team experience from lower division Football League clubs, may take the heart out of them.

Indeed, that was why the club decided to leave the Midland Intermediate two years ago, but our move to the Derbyshire Combination was not a success. The opposition, with respect, was not what they needed.



Ron Webster.

Richie Norman.

I firmly believe that our youngsters are as yet adjusting from the "combat", or pre-season training, which is very new to them. They are noticeably somewhat tired.

But as they get into the rhythm of professional football life, once they get it into their systems and absorb the new challenge, I am convinced they have both the talent and the character to adjust to the new demands of the Midland Intermediate.

They gave Mansfield three of the five goals. A triallist we had to move into the back four when young Beaver our centre half was taken off with bruised ribs, headed a simple one into his own net. And once a ball came down off our bar, hit Paul Blades in the face, and rebounded into our net. The performance of the lads deserved better than that.

Alan Biley growls his aggression as referee McNally penalises him last week against Chelsea. Can we raise a Bi-Bi of our own? That's the task Derby County are now working overtime to achieve.

PAT ON THE BACK

FROM time to time I'd like to bring to your notice a youngster whose effort and determination has impressed us all. This time it is a 14 years old boy, signed on Associated Schoolboy forms . . . Mark Clifford. He trained with us on this week's course for youngsters, and showed tremendous promise for the future.

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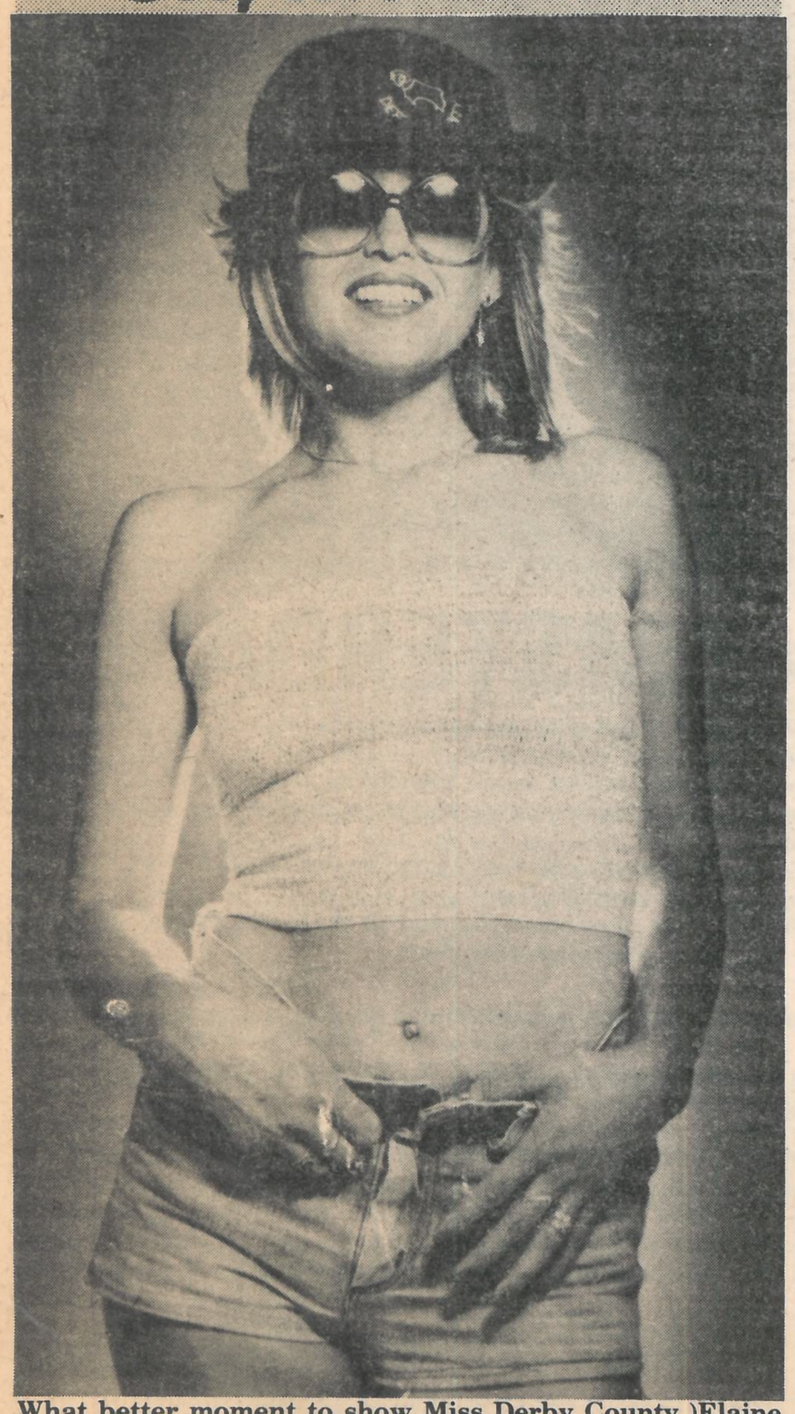

What better moment to show Miss Derby County)Elaine Bacon) wearing her swish Rams' hat... after all, we won our first away game of the season last Saturday. At Luton ... otherwise known as "The Hatters".

Who says our fans are disappointing?

IT WAS season ticket holder Tom Earnshaw, a coal-miner from Parks Avenue, South Wingfield, who started me worrying about attendances. Coming to the ground after a shift he heard *Radio Derby* say the crowd for the Wednesday evening match here against Chelsea ten days ago was disappointing.

"I was surprised when I finally made it into the ground at 8 o'clock to find it so full", he told me.

I didn't hear the radio that night, so I have no idea what the commentator meant, but an attendance in excess of 20,000 for a Second Division pipe-opener, after a three-nill defeat at Cambridge, is not my idea of "disappointing".

True, the gate was swollen by a healthy several hundred or so fans from London, but that still leaves a surplus on First Division gates already recorded at places like Norwich, Middlesbrough and Brighton this season.

And doesn't compare anything but well with Coventry's 15,399 last Saturday against mighty Arsenal, only a few days after they had bought Gerry Daly. Nor the 17,980 at Norwich, or the rock-bottom 10,722 at Stoke.

Derby's fans, the hard-core who have sustained the Rams through the recent thin years, may or may not have a lot to cheer about this season . . . only time will tell about that. But they have stuck like loyal limpets to the club.

They have already made their presence felt in the Second Division. At Cambridge their average gate last season was 6,133 with a high peak 8,863 for the visit of Sunderland.

No wonder the announcer there thanked the 5,000 Rams fans for travelling . . . to boost the attendance to 9,958. At Luton last Saturday they did it again. In this day and age of cash on tight rein I would say that, far from being disappointing, Rams fans are, to use the current vernacular, quite "fab".

IT WASN'T until gates figures for current Second Division clubs dropped on to my desk that I quite realised just what sort of financial problem it poses for Derby County this season.

Check top right to see what I mean.

TELL-TALE STATISTICS

GATES LAST SEASON

	Highest	Lowest	Average
Newcastle United	38,322	14,349	23,342
Chelsea	31,035	12,732	22,924
West Ham	36,167	11,721	22,838
Derby County	24,945	15,381	19,900
Bristol City	28,783	13,384	18,391
Sheffield Wednesday	49,309	10,583	18,085
Bolton Wanders	31,902	8,995	16,345
Watford	24,716	9,145	15,415
Swansea City	22,000	10,342	14,596
Queen's Park Rangers	26,598	9,613	14,086
Luton Town	20,040	6,705	11,676
Grimsby Town	18,363	5,937	10,442
Blackburn Rovers	26,130	5,787	10,319
Wrexham	15,641	4,351	10,096
Cardiff City	16,328	6,419	9,932
Preston North End	13,059	7,407	9,701
Notts County	14,859	5,698	8,834
Shrewsbury Town	14,801	6,176	8,719
Oldham Athletic	16,201	5,753	7,941
Bristol Rovers	16,060	4,596	7,479
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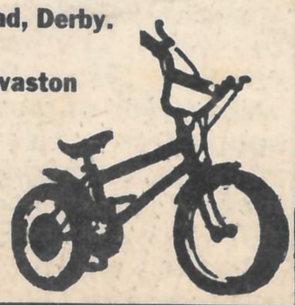

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THEY CAN'T HEAR . . .

WE HAVE received the following letter of complaint about the Baseball Ground public address system from John M. Pepper, and his wife Vera, of 108, Horsley Road, Kilburn, Derbys:

"While we were enduring that 3-nil defeat at Cambridge we consoled ourselves with the thought that at least we had a better ground. Regrettably, an exception has to be made in the case of the Public Address system.

"At the Abbey Stadium, comprehensive information was loudly and clearly transmitted, but at Derby what little information is provided is virtually inaudible. The understandable, if regrettable, absence of the electronic scoreboard this season makes a proper P.A. system a necessity rather than a luxury."

THE DOC'S PRESCRIPTION

TO GET OUT of the Second Division upwards teams can neither kick themselves out of it, nor play themselves our of it. A mixture of both has to be applied.

That's the view of Derby County's former manager Tommy Docherty. "There are some teams who will rush all over you, others who will kick (and I am not prepared to name them), and just a few who will play football.

"The majority will come to your place to frustrate your fans with negative, defensive football".

We haven't had any of the latter at the Baseball Ground yet. Chelsea came to grab two points, and it's difficult to imagine Bolton today after their fine start, doing otherwise. But the bores will come, have no doubt about that.

Says Colin Addison: "There were those who felt we might slide through the division after our experience at Cambridge. We were bad, but the lads were knocked right out of their stride by a team running at them hard and coming in hard. They shouldn't have been, but they were surprised by it. Now they're ready for it".

Back to the Doc's warnings: "There are some games when players in the Second Division have to be prepared to kick themselves to victory". Be warned . . . he should know.

After taking Manchester United out of the Second Division five years ago, his present QPR side, like Derby's, are among the favourites for promotion. But don't take any notice of the present League Cup clashes between us to assess either side's chances. "Two-legged cup ties are vastly different from League matches", says the Doc.

Who's that with addo at QPR on Tuesday?

Tommy doesn't mention Derby among his promotion tips, not that we'd expect him to. He fancies an odd assortment, an odd assortment indeed: Orient, Oldham, Swansea, and Watford along with Luton, West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday and his own club.

AH, WELL . . .

. . . and what we are trying to do

DERBY COUNTY are more than aware of the problems with the Public Address system and are urgently trying, yet again, to put things right, Rams' secretary Michael Dunford tells me.

"We have repeatedly tried to improve things over the past three or four years, without any great success", he says. "The experts all advise us that our tightly enclosed ground presents extreme acoustic problems, but we are at present having urgent consultations with Reliance Systems of Birmingham, with a view to getting it right at last and we are very hopeful.

"Please bear with us, as we try to improve this service to our supporters. As we continue to improve the amenities at the ground, the public address system is getting priority. After all, we want you to hear us on match days, and we hope we can get it right this time".

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Why my away trip in a supporters' coach was ruined

I WAS AMONG the never-ending convoy of Rams fans who travelled to Cambridge by train, car, lorry, van, and coach. Unhappily, I went in a Supporters' Club coach. But never again.

I am not blaming South Peak branch, nor the people who travelled in their coach. They were great company. The trip was well planned. It was the treatment we received from the police at Cambridge that I objected to.

Some miles outside that town the coach was flagged down by a traffic constable. We had left early, and hoped to enjoy a couple of hours wandering round the University town before the match . . . but no chance. They didn't want a mob of football supporters roving round their fair streets, and we were warned off. No coach was allowed within the borders until 1.30.

The fact that our coach was mostly occupied by middle-aged, well-dressed and well-behaved men and women didn't matter a monkeys to the police. We were banned.

And when we eventually got to the Abbey Stadium ground (after a quiet hour in Hunstanton, of all places) an inspector of police jumped aboard to inform us that all coaches were to be given a police escort out of town, and that the "crocodile" would begin just ten minutes after the final whistle. He warned: "If you're not back on this coach, then we go. That's your fault. The coach will not be allowed to wait for you!"

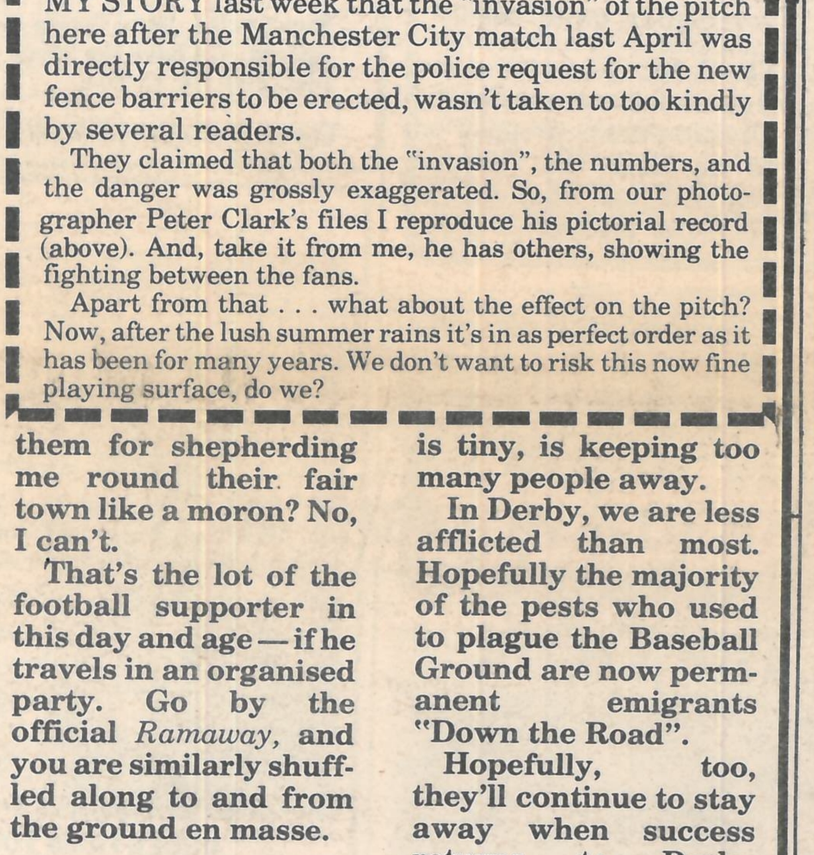
No, I'm not blaming the police. If they appeared a bit edgy, and I though they did, who can blame them?

It's the hooligan fringe who have brought this intolerable situation on to us all . . . and we at Derby have our lunatic fringe, make no mistake.

I watched a hundred or so of them charge across the "meadows" outside the ground after the game, in search of anything wearing the yellow-and-black of Cambridge. That they failed almost completely to cause a disturbance was due mainly to the vigilance and determination of the police at Cambridge. Praise be.

So can I really blame them for shepherding me round their fair town like a moron? No, I can't.

That's the lot of the football supporter in this day and age — if he travels in an organised party. Go by the official *Ramaway*, and you are similarly shuffled along to and from the ground en masse.

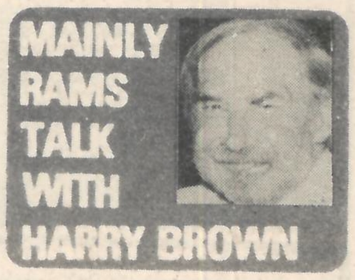


WHO'S KIDDING?

MY STORY last week that the "invasion" of the pitch here after the Manchester City match last April was directly responsible for the police request for the new fence barriers to be erected, wasn't taken to too kindly by several readers.

They claimed that both the "invasion", the numbers, and the danger was grossly exaggerated. So, from our photographer Peter Clark's files I reproduce his pictorial record (above). And, take it from me, he has others, showing the fighting between the fans.

Apart from that . . . what about the effect on the pitch? Now, after the lush summer rains it's in as perfect order as it has been for many years. We don't want to risk this now fine playing surface, do we?



It's not only the safety of the townspeople the police are concerned about . . . it's your safety too.

That's why Derby police escort visiting fans to and from the Railway Station, why they asked for fences to be erected round the Baseball Ground. Is it any wonder that the game has lost the mass family support it enjoyed even up to a couple of decades ago?

As I looked at gate figures throughout the country last week-end, admittedly Bank Holiday week-end in August when so many people are away on holiday . . . my heart sank. The tiny hooligan fringe, and it is tiny, is keeping too many people away.

In Derby, we are less afflicted than most. Hopefully the majority of the pests who used to plague the Baseball Ground are now permanent emigrants "Down the Road".

Hopefully, too, they'll continue to stay away when success returns to Derby County. Meanwhile, I trust everything possible will be done to flush out the handful of trash we still retain.

For a start, let's stop calling them football hooligans. They are hooligans, full stop. All the week, and not just on Saturdays.

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IT WAS really fatuous to see BBC TV cameras eavesdropping into the QPR dressing room before last week's game with Swansea, with our old friend Tommy Doc the main feature. I can't quite believe the quiet conversation and chit-chat was normal . . . not if what I hear used to happen in the Derby dressing room is anything to go by.

If you think what came over on the screen is typical of the goings-on in a dressing room . . . forget it.

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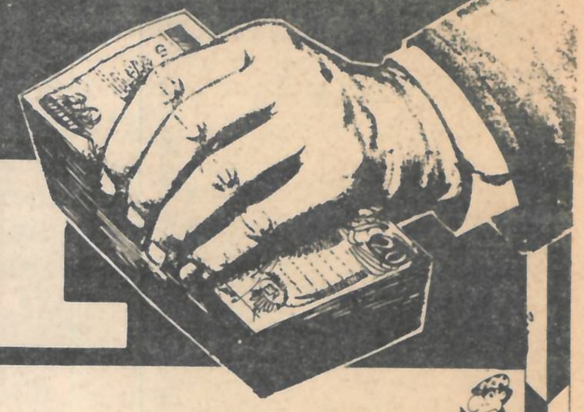

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TALBOT ON THE MOVE

Derby County are right to claim they look after the fans

WHEN I first noticed the price of *Ram* had gone up to 30p I felt it was yet another instance of the way inflation is hitting us all. I wasn't too pleased, I can tell you.

Until I began to see other programmes, though. I didn't go to Cambridge, but my mate bought me one, and theirs at 30p makes the *Ram* an absolute bargain.

Since then I have seen other programmes — Leicester, Leeds, Arsenal, Villa, Forest and Coventry's as just some examples.

Some of this season's crop of programmes are 40 and even 50 pence, yet the *Ram* beats them all. I repeat, at 30 pence it is an absolute bargain, compared with its competitors. Well done Derby County . . . you claim that you care about your fans. The *Ram* proves that you do.

Reg Parry, St Andrew's View, Breadsall. (Full address withheld on request).

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COMPARED with the way most other clubs treat their fans Derby County have excelled in the past year, and most supporters appreciate it.

We also appreciate the fact that the club gives us full value for money in the best programme in the business. At 30 pence the *Ram* is wonderful value for money, and I am delighted to see its standards not only being maintained, but improved.

B. Montgomery, Thorpes Road, Heanor.

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THANKS again for another wonderful *Ram*. What would I do without it? Players' Platform is a wonderful way to get to know the lads, and I was especially interested in Roy Mac's piece as I have a very special feeling for him and Steve Powell. I think that's because they have "grown up" with us, and have always been so loyal to Derby County.

Mildred Price (Mrs) 101 Quarn Way, Derby.

Steve Powell (left) and Roy Mac.

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The *Ram* is great value for money, but now that we're in Division Two some of our travelling supporters will be visiting some grounds for the first time. Would it be possible to print a route to the next away game?

J. Cheetham, 4 Jessop St., Waingroves, Ripley.

● *In these days of motorways and a mass of maps available in shops, wouldn't this be space-consuming? Please let us have your view.*

A RAMS KIT MEMORY FROM THE LAST WAR

THE FOLLOWING may afford you some amusement. I go back, not without some nostalgia, almost 40 years to the day.

At that time, in the early days of the war, cities, towns and villages, throughout the country were adopting ships and sending all manner of 'goodies' to the crews to make life a little more bearable.

At the time I was serving on quite a small anti-submarine escort vessel, H.M.S. Ullswater, which had been worked quite hard.

Towards the end of '39 a complete set of 13 jerseys, shorts, shin pads, etc., together with two balls arrived on board in Derby County colours. Why should I remember it was Derby County's colours?" For one thing, I had and still have, a limited knowledge of soccer, plus the fact that it generated quite a few arguments among the crew who obviously supported their own local teams.

We went right through the Norwegian Campaign and had little chance of playing football. By the time we got back home and were sent to patrol the Channel just after Dunkirk,

I can't remember the exact date, but about this time two ships were torpedoed off the French coast — the tankers *British Corporal* and *Hartlepool*. Both were sinking rapidly and we were sent to take off survivors. It is common knowledge that survivors at sea are given anything a crew might have in the way of clothing. In our case we were running short of spares and to accommodate at least 13 of the survivors we gave them our football kit.

I suppose few people who have not experienced it can imagine what it is like to be torpedoed one minute, rescued, and put ashore in your own country.

In this case 13 seamen rushed ashore, whooping with joy, kicking the two balls between them, but we never saw either the kits or the balls again. It may please you to know that your colours saw service.

R.S. Wilkins, 13 Highway Road, Leicester LE5 5RD.

Not so lasting

MY LASTING impression of the start of this season will be the way Derby County went on to the park at Cambridge on the opening day . . . clearly giving the impression that they felt they shouldn't really be in the Second Division, and that poor, lowly Cambridge were no threat.

Let both the team, and the fans get down to appreciating that it's not going to be easy this season if we are to win promotion. They are going to have to fight for every ball, swing it round the park and, most important of all, win control of the midfield.

Christine Humphreys (Mrs) 23 Bakewell Drive, Castle Donington.

● We think you'll agree the lads have now done all you ask since then.

Secretary Talking

Michael Dunford

WE ARE HOPING that, by the time you read this Janka Banovic, the 23 years old Jugoslav keeper, a naturalised Australian who has played seven times for his country, will be a signed Derby County player. And I'll breathe a sigh of relief.

A great number of administrative problems had to be overcome to get him here. His work permit was the first snag. His Yugoslav antecedents ensured that. Then we had to convince the Overseas Labour Section of the Dept. of Employment, and the PFA, that we had made every effort to sign a player of similar calibre either in this country or from Common Market countries.

We had to supply documentary evidence of bids we have tabled for goalkeepers in recent months to prove that. Then we had to prove too we were not bringing in "cheap labour", and that Janka would be receiving wages no less than the average already paid to members of our first team squad. Lastly we had to prove that Banovic was an authentic international.

Let me tell you the comings and goings to get that work permit lasted three months, and then we had to negotiate terms with his Melbou ne club Heidleburg, 12,000 miles away, and lastly with the player himself.

It has meant a deal of work, some tedious, for the administrative staff and myself, but we put it all down to experience. A successful conclusion was all we asked.

GERRY DALY'S recent transfer shed light on another behind-the-scenes cameo. It all happened on a Sunday, to prove there are no acknowledged days of rest in the football world.

Once the manager and the player had agreed to the move, Daly agreed terms with Coventry on the Saturday night and passed his medical on Sunday morning. I went to Coventry to discuss and agree payment terms with their secretary David Dent, and to get the transfer forms signed, which he then rushed to League headquarters at Lytham St Annes so that the 48 hour deadline could be achieved to enable Daly to play against Liverpool on the Tuesday.

All part of the job behind the scenes . . .

PEOPLE WE MEET: It was interesting to meet Olympic gold medallist Sebastian Coe in the boardroom at the Chelsea match. A quiet, unassuming character Seb was a bit disappointed on the night, though. He is a Chelsea fan, you see.

That king of comedians Eric Morecambe had everyone in stitches in the Luton boardroom last Saturday. Although not now a Luton director, he retains his tremendous interest in the Hatters. Who said you never find comics behind soccer's scenes? It was nice, too, to be greeted as we left the coach at Luton by our former Scottish international midfield player Mike Cullen, who was with us in the mid-sixties. He now works in Luton and Gordon Guthrie, in particular, had many reminiscences to swap with Mike.

I AM delighted to welcome as assistant secretary Steve Paxton, who begins his appointment here on Monday. He worked with me in the club offices between 1974 and 1977 and has since extended his experience working in commerce. Now 26, Steve became a father a week last Monday when wife Janet presented them with a baby boy, Robert. Now Stever has his hands full in all directions.

YES, DERBY IS A FOOTBALL CITY

LEAVING THE ground after the Chelsea match I listened as usual to the comments of the homegoing crowds around me. You would have thought the Rams had lost, rather than won. The "goals were scrappy and not cleanly taken", the two goals against "should never have happened", "So-and-so played like an idiot", etc., etc.

Some of the criticisms had more than a grain of truth in them. The goals **were** scrappy and not cleanly taken. But then, you cannot have "Roy of the Rovers" goals all of the time.

We now have a striking force which spreads havoc and panic in our opponents' penalty area. This is bound to lead to penalties and deflection goals as well as the "pretty" and "spectacular" goals. Great! Remember it is not so long ago that we were praying for goals of any sort.

The goals against were the result of defensive errors, particularly the second which was caused by back-passing, time-wasting play. I am sure the Boss's comments in the dressing room afterwards were as scathing as those of the departing crowd.

"So-and-so" did not play like an idiot. Sufficient to say, he is finding it difficult to settle down in a new team after only a few games. He has the ability — please give him time and encouragement.

At first I despaired of those around me until I realised that they, like me, had paid their money and were entitled to their opinions. Make no mistake — Derby is a footballing city. We hold our heads high when **our** *team is doing well. Unlike some team's supporters it is not sufficient for our team to just win. It is necessary for them to win well. It is* **our** *team, and they represent* **us.**

We know a brilliant player when we see one — Charlie George. A 100% grafter on the field — Archie Gemmill. A player who obviously loves the game for the game's sake — Francis Lee! That is why those players were so popular at Derby. We also know those whose loyalties are suspect, and those who play when they feel like it. We do not mourn their passing.

So come on lads give of your best, and you will get the support. In what other city or town of our size could you get 20,000 people to a Second Division mid-week match. Not many!

I, like many others, want to walk down the seafront on my holidays next year wearing my Rams teeshirt and puffing out my chest with pride because **my** team has made it again — and believe you me, I am no teenager . . .

P. E., Davenport Road, Derby (name and address withheld on request).

LetterBox

Tough start

You defend the fixture compilers yet they have given us all the top teams to play to start with. Why not some of the also-rans? — L. J. Wells, Chelwood Rd., Chellaston.

● **If the fixture compilers knew who would be top and bottom they'd quit the job and win the pools.**

Misprint in New Zealand

I AM a 16 years old Derby fan who lives out here in New Zealand, and I was mighty disappointed when we were relegated. But once the *Ram* newspapers came through I was amazed at the spirit and enthusiasm of the fans which filtered through to me from their pages.

The paper takes three months to arrive by sea mail, but I was overjoyed at the news about the numbers taking out season tickets, and the obvious belief the fans have that the squad is good enough to get back at the first attempt.

I am sorry I am not in England to make my support for the Rams really count, but I aim to come over to England to live by mid-1981 at the latest. And then you'll have another one to add to your growing list of the faithful.

To show you how I feel I enclose a small advert I put in Wellington's evening paper at the end of last season. But they don't know much about us down here. Where it says: "keep supporting the teams"

DERBY County Football Club supporters, keep supporting the teams. Promotion is sweet.

. . . I had written "keep supporting the Rams". There aren't many Rams fans in New Zealand, I don't think.

● **Roy Start, 5 Wood Street, Wainuimata, Wellington, N.Z.**

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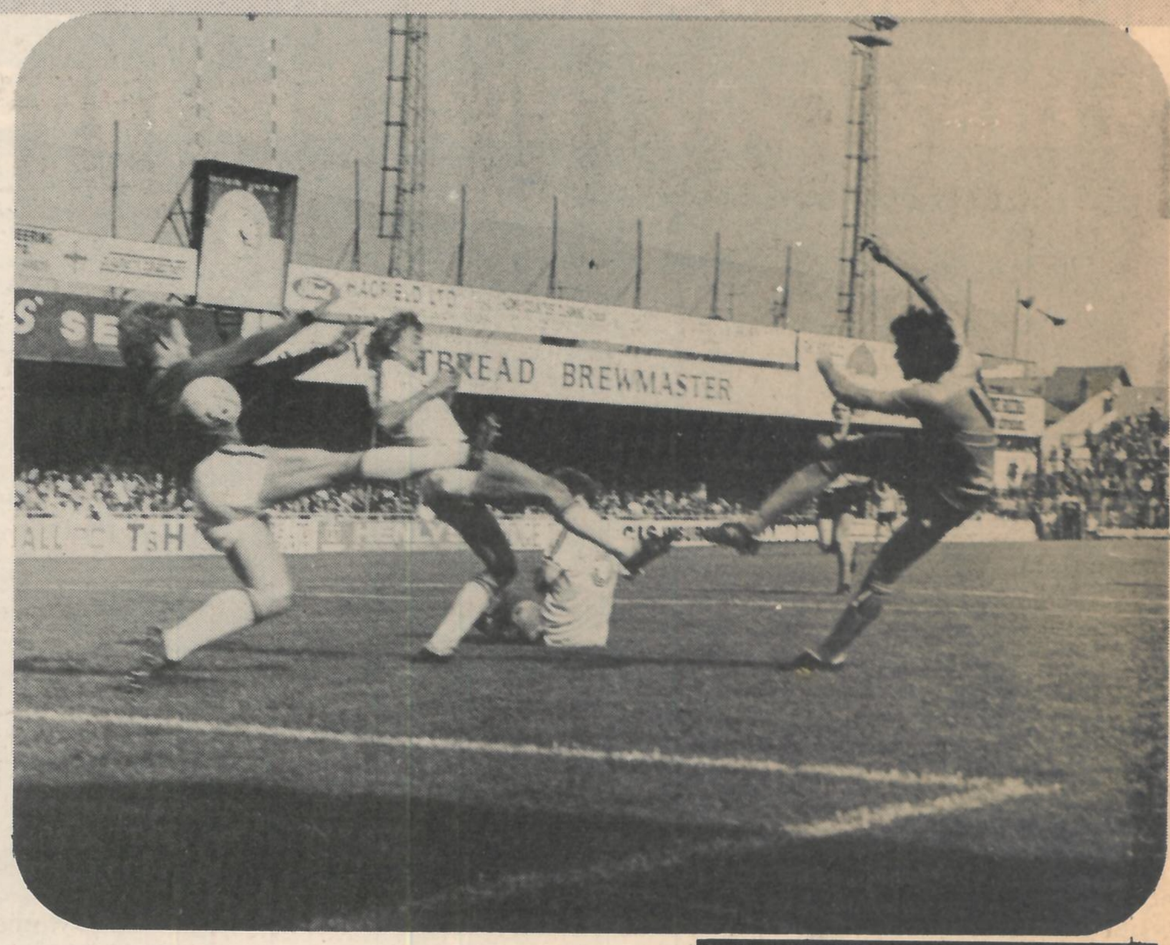

THE NIGHT LADY LUCK SMILED ...

Chelsea's Micky Droy, that giant of a man attempts a clearance in a hectic goalmouth scramble. It hits Alan Biley, hidden behind him, and rebounds (in the top small picture) . . . right past the helpless Borota in goal (above). And Rams are one up.

1

Still leading 2-1 Rams get a penalty. But Barry Powell's shot is saved by Barota (above). But, wait . . . the ref orders the kick to be retaken because, he insisted, the keeper had moved. Booked for arguing, Barota is beaten the second time . . . when, possibly, he again moved early (below).

3

Chelsea pulled back a goal before half time but just after the break Paul Emson raced past defenders down Derby's left and cut in to beat the advancing keeper. It looked like it was goalward bound, and young Chelsea defender Gary Chivers, harassed by Swindles, can only help it on its way.

2

LUTON 1 RAMS 2

A GRIMLY efficient and resolute squad performance squashed out Luton's sparkle, and brought the game under Derby's control at Kenilworth Road last Saturday.

Keith Osgood hit his shot like a rocket (picture above left) to level the scores dramatically at the best of all phsychological times. From then on Luton faded, and Saxby let David Swindlehurst in with a half chance. Without the slightest hesitation he swivelled to hit home the winner (above) to prove he is as lethal as anybody inside the box. Slices of luck do not win matches. Taking advantage like these two did, most certainly does.

MEANWHILE, HAS THE

Jonathan Clark fires a great shot narrowly wide.

RAMS 3 CHELSEA 2

THIS WAS the one Rams simply had to win, to restore the faith of supporters shattered by the unexpected Cambridge debacle.

And, after an early tremor or two, they did it a bit easier than the scoreline would indicate.

It wasn't a vintage performance, the occasion was too important, but the slices of luck weren't enough to justify Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst's claim afterwards that his team deserved a draw.

Both their goals should never have been, especially their late second — a real gift after a casual interchange on Derby's defensive left came unstuck to leave a wide-open route to goal.

Defensive lurches apart, this was more like it.

RESERVES' PROBLEMS

INJURIES and first team calls meant that Rams Reserves fielded one of their youngest and most inexperienced sides against Everton at the Baseball Ground last Saturday.

The visitors included former first teamers Trevor Ross, John Bailey and Andy King, so often the scourge of Derby County senior sides . . . and, true enough, he netted twice in Everton's 2-1 win.

Never their equal in pure skills and know-how, the young Reserves battled hard despite going behind in only six minutes and levelled through Paul Bartlett in the 68th minute, but fell behind again three minutes later.

Rams had scored their League goal of the season had they taken all chances, might have snat a point. Their finishing le a lot to be desired, but enthusiasm points to b days ahead.

The previous Tue Reserves had lost 1-nil at Moor to a Burnley side

THE SECOND DIVISION

Bouncing our way at last?

S DERBY COUNTY shook off that shock opening day defeat at ambridge with successive Second Division wins against Chelsea nd then at Luton, one thing became starkly apparent.

The ball is beginning to bounce in ams' favour at last. For at least ree seasons the luck cycle has been ead against . . . the bounce went the her way, refereeing decisions emed stacked against us. emember?

The new luck streak began to nerge, we think, at Cambridge here United might really have bbed it in had they taken all their ances. Remember, they also hit the oodwork twice, in addition to three oals.

It really began to show against helsea at the last home match. emember the first Rams goal, when g centre half Micky Droy hit his earance on to Alan Biley from hom it rebounded into the net. hen did that sort of good fortune appen to us last? And when did a eferee last order a missed Derby ounty penalty to be re-taken on the rounds that the opposition oalkeeper had moved too soon? It appened against Chelsea. Rightly so . . . but it happened.

And when, since the days of Bruce Rioch, has any Rams player hit a free kick so fiercely and accurately that it went straight into the net like Keith Osgood's equaliser at Luton last Saturday? We could go on offering instances. Mind you, the lads are making their own luck, let us also emphasise.

If the ball continues to bounce Derby's way, added to the resolution and character now coming out of the squad, then who knows just what sort of fine season might be ahead?

All we need now to convince ourselves the jinx is lifted is an end to those interminable injury problems which has already seen Roy McFarland sidelined, and both Alan Biley and Steve Powell struggling to be 100% fit for recent matches. But then Ossie's form is a big bonus, isn't it?

If that cloud should lift, and it's surely time it did, then we would really be firing on all five cylinders — WHAT DO YOU THINK?

RD BIT BEEN DONE IN THE LEAGUE CUP?

t should have taken to the cleaners. A stronger side than could be fielded against Everton missed a hatful of chances it seemed easier to take. Apart from pulling the ball from the back of his net after a 12th minute penalty that decided the issue David McKellar hardly touched the ball.

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A WELL-organised, well-drilled performance kept QPR on a tight rein in this first leg of the League Cup tie, and we start level when battle is resumed at the Baseball Ground next Wednesday (7.30).

Rams didn't create much, but that wasn't the idea. They should now have done the hardest part, but QPR have still to be beaten.

Keith Osgood was again outstanding for his third match in a row in the number five shirt.

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SOCCER DATES

I HOPE you used your membership card to claim a free seat at last week's Junior Floodlit Cup. Don't forget, you can also get in to the Co-op Stand free at reserve games. There's so much available in the Junior Rams. If you know someone who hasn't joined yet, then get them on to Colin's Team right away.

WE INVITE YOU TO: Our programme fair tomorrow

OUR SEASON really gets under way over the next few days with a series of events. Tomorrow (Sunday) we have the first full scale **Programme Fair** which we hope will be an annual event.

Six leading dealers will be there in the Sportsman's Club in "A" Stand from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Admission is 30p for adults and 20p for under 16's. It should be a fine opportunity for all programme collectors to plug the gaps in their collection as there will be a fantastic selection of programmes on display and sale.

Ordinary fans, too, may be interested to check other clubs' programmes.

Our Junior Rams Football League programme kicks off the same day with Under 12 Champions ILKESTON entertaining newcomers ASHBOURNE. All other branches get their league matches under way on September 14 and 21.

The Junior Rams 5-a-side competition will be held at Raynesway Training Centre on Sunday, September 7. As usual it is being organised by last season's Branch of the Year **Belper.** Kick-off is 10 in the morning and play goes on until tea time or thereabouts.

Refreshments are available throughout the day and there will be three sections, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 14, with most branches represented.

The draw for the competition will be held on Monday September 1 at the British Legion Club, Milford (8pm). It promises to be a great day of football and programmes will be available at 30p, at the Training Ground on the day.

Belper Secretary Gloria Smith looks forward to the event: "The change in venue to Raynesway is a great step forward for us all, reflecting the ever-increasing co-operation between Derby County and its supporters". A good turnout of Rams' personalities is also looked forward to.

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Junior Rams Column

Ilkeston branch looked back on a successful last year at their Awards Night. Ilkeston were last season's Junior Rams League Champions, Cup Finalists, and Penalty Competition winners. A number of individual awards were also made during the course of the evening, and here's a picture of the lucky ones.

LOOKING ROUND THE BRANCHES

LAST ISSUE I published a list of secretaries at branches who are involved with the Junior Rams Football League, either at Under 12 or Under 14 level. This week I give a few more names to contact if you want to know what is happening in your area at Junior Rams meetings, WRITES STEVE STONE.

Keith Jackson did sterling work at **Alfreton** before moving to the Skegness area. Now he is back at the helm, youngsters Alfreton way can contact him at 31 Priory Road, Alfreton.

Castle Donington branch are striving to achieve the high level of activity for young supporters they had a couple of years ago. **Jim Carty** of 14 Hastings Street is in charge. He will put you in the picture.

Last issue we printed the address of the football secretary at **Headquarters** branch. They hold their first meeting of the season in the Sportsman's Club at the Baseball Ground this coming Thursday (September 4) from 7pm. New members are most welcome and can be enrolled on the night. Whether you are able to pop along or not, **Liz Moore** of 1 Constable Drive, Littleover, will give you details of this and other events in and around Derby.

I'm off to a **South Peak** party night this evening (Saturday) and I hope to make the acquaintance of new Junior Rams' secretary **David Page,** whom youngsters around Matlock can contact at 8 Crabtree Close, Wirksworth. Those a touch further north can drop **Joanne Canning** of 28 Bowland Road, Simmondley, Glossop, a line for details of **High Peak** branch.

Down South, **Theresa Wightman** of 8 Chilton Close, Loftin Way, Chelmsford, Essex has a very active Junior section in the **London and South England** branch, while a little closer to home **Stan Brown** of 84 Anson Road, will supply you with info about **Loughborough** Junior Rams.

We have had far more applications from members wanting to be mascots than we can hope to satisfy at home games. So, this season, we are trying to cater for as many youngsters as we can by taking mascots away from home as well.

The great majority of home games are already filled, but we have a few vacancies in our away list. If you go regularly to see the Rams on their travels,

On the home front we had a number of "first's" last season. We had identical twins, our first girl mascot and, of course, Steve Powell Junior and Senior taking the field together. Next home game we have our first "overseas" mascot — from Sweden. Full details in the next Junior Rams column.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out to Michael Rees on the 29th; Andrew Morton & Jasbinder Singh Dorka (30th); Ian Timson (31st). Paul Stanley & Andrew Roberts (Sept. 1); Sue Hyett, Shaun Yeomans, James Williams & Andrew Beven (2nd); Liam Didcock, Darren Rice & Kevin Prior (3rd); Stuart Murden (4th); Craig Mapstone, Darren Holmes & Jonathan Munslow on the 5th.

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News Bar

S.E. Derbyshire members' buses

South East Derbyshire branch 'Members Only' buses will again be run to home matches this season, treasurer Allan Casey reports. For details please ring Allan on Sandiacre 392747, or secretary Mrs Margaret McCaig (Draycott 4216).

Members are also asked to note that the annual meeting of the branch has been re-arranged for Tuesday Sept. 16 (8) at the Blue Ball Hotel, Risley NOT the Blue Boar as the gremlins had it in our last issue. Note: the Blue Ball, Risley.

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ADDO AND HIS PLAYERS WANT TO MEET RAMS SUPPORTERS —MEETING IS TOLD

NEVER HAS a Derby County manager shown more interest in the "ordinary" fans of Derby County . . . and never has one gone more our of his way to meet them in the Supporters Clubs than Colin Addison.

That statement from Supporters' Club Liaison Officer Ernie Hallam to Chairman and Secretaries of 13 branches, in the Sportsmen's Club at a special meeting a fortnight ago, was received with acclamation.

As was the statement from the Chair, director Eddie Strachan, that the aim of the manager and John Newman, was to get among the fans even more.

"They will do their best to see that players get out and about to your functions. But you must realise that they have their own private commitments and can't go to everything you'd like. Give them fair warning, and don't go to them too often".

In the past, the meeting agreed, players had let branches and supporters down by failing to keep promises to attend meeting and functions. "It has never been better than now", said Ernie, "and if you help the players to help you, you can find it could be even better".

An instance of the way Colin Addison and John Newman strained to assist was given by H.Q. branch, who reported that even though the manager was out of town watching a player on the night of their enrolment meeting recently, they had turned up before the end of the night to greet members and have a chat with them.

"By joining the Supporters Club, supporters really can get closer to Derby County, and the players", said Castle Donington's Michael Varty. "Since I joined the supporters club I have made good friends at all the branches".

To the news that the manager was eager to get player-participation at branch functions, Ashby's Pat Holligan said: "That's good. We work hard to support the club, it's good to know the club is going to work hard for us".

He pointed out that branches did a great deal more than raise funds for themselves. "We knocked on doors for three nights raising funds and interest in our Junior Rams, and raising funds for a children's home locally with a raffle".

Belper's John Harrison, during a debate on whether the main role of the branches was to raise cash for the parent club, pointed out that a vital role they played was to get children interested in Derby County, via the Junior Rams, and to provide competitive football in the Junior Rams Soccer League. "We have to make money to kit out our juniors", he said. "That is our priority".

It was agreed that, in order to avoid date-clashes as far as possible all branches should inform Derby County Promotions' office of their proposed function dates. These would be placed on a special chart, and information given about other branch dates and events.

"You can't avoid clashing altogether. There are fewer Saturday dates when the team are at home that we all need, as we all want events on Saturday nights after home matches. Some clashing is inevitable", said Heanor's Phil Sheffield.

Despite some criticisms of the value of the Liaison Committee, in which one representative from each of three groups of branches divided into areas meet for decision-making, it was decided by a narrow 7-6 majority to retain the system.

Branch groupings are as follows:

ONE: H.Q. (Derby), Castle Donington, Ashby, South East Derbyshire, Loughborough; TWO: Heanor, Ilkeston, Alfreton, Ripley, Notts. THREE: Belper, Ashbourne, South Peak, High Peak. The non functioning Uttoxeter were also in this group. Any volunteers to bring it back to life?

Sheffield Wednesday supporters Club are anxious to play a football match against DCFC Supporters Club when Wednesday play here on October 4.

Ilkeston, Heanor and Belper branches are to combine to field a side to play them while South Peak offered to field a sports quiz team against them.

Alfreton reported that they had been entertained not so long ago by the Chapeltown branch of the Wednesday Supporters Club. "We were a bit bothered at the start when the lads there looked a right tough lot, but in fact we had a great time with them. They were only interested in talking about football in an atmosphere of real friendliness."

That is what real football fans are all about. You'll find them in supporters clubs everywhere. And nowhere more sure than in any branch of Derby County Supporters Clubs.

President at

Look down the Front Page list of Presidents, and you'll notice that no-one has been allocated the brilliantly resurgent Keith Osgood. Will South Peak, who have just lost Gerry Daly, note that?

DIARY

Sat. Aug. 30: **Alfreton** branch coach to Bolton match. Leaves 1 p.m. Details from Leabrooks 605489.

Sat. Aug. 30: **South Peak** branch "start of season" party and membership enrolment. Entrance fee, 60p to non-members at the door. Fishpond Hotel, Matlock Bath (8).

Sat. Aug. 30: **London** branch trip to Derby for Bolton match. Leaves St. Pancras 11.01. Details: 0245 354199.

Tues. Sept. 2: **South East Derbyshire,** a.g.m., Blue Ball, Risley 8 p.m. Everyone invited.

Tues. Sept. 4: **Ilkeston** branch meeting, Mundy Arms, Bath St., followed by darts and dominoes. Section a.g.m. (8.30).

Tues. Sept. 23: **H.Q.** branch games evening and sports quiz v Castle Donington, Sportsman's Club, Baseball Ground (8).

Mon. Sept. 29: **Castle Donington** Miss Derby County Contest. Sailors' and Soldiers' Club, C.D. (8).

Sat. Oct. 18: **H.Q. Branch** Disco and Buffet, Clarendon Hotel, Midland Road, Derby (8.30-1). Admission £2.75. Restricted to 45 people only. Book now.

Tues. Nov. 4: **H.Q. Branch** Beetle Drive and pre Guy Fawkes celebration with suitable food for the occasion. Sportsman's Club. Admission: 25p.

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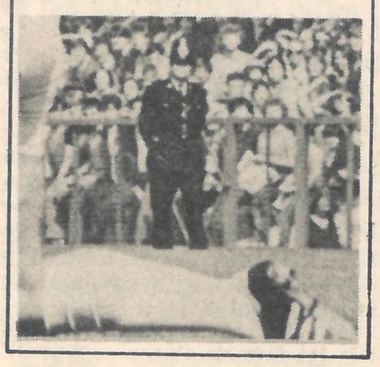

When were we an away banker, then?

IT'S TIME my terraces mates knew better, even if some of our fans in the stands are prepared to moan at anything.

I ask you . . . why the widespread gloom and despondency over that 3-nil defeat at Cambridge a fortnight ago?

We lost an **away** game . . . so what's new, despite last week's win at Luton?

The Rams' away record has never been much to write home about. Remember the two Championship years of 1972 and 1975?

You ought to do. **Remember** that November day of endless rain in 1971 when Derby crashed 2-1 on the Yorkshire hills to the subsequently relegated Huddersfield, or the post-Christmas 3-nil defeat at Leeds, which had Brian Clough gnashing his teeth about the terrible away performances?

Remember the 3-nil drubbing Carlisle, also subsequently relegated, handed out to Rams at Brunton Park in the autumn of 1974? Fans slated Dave Mackay's side, as they also slid to a 1-nil defeat at Luton, who went down, too, that year. But Rams still went on to win the Championship, as Cloughie's boys had done after their away disasters three years previously. So will Addison's men this time?

Up to now we have played only one League game at home. And it's at home where relegation finally caught up with us last season. It is at home where the seeds of a promotion burst can be sewn . . . so let's hope the fans continue to stay loyal and noisy.

To write the lads off, on a faltering start, would not only be folly but would also fly in the face of a history littered with disasters away from home. Just as it would be too easy to go delirious after one away win at Luton last Saturday.

The Second Division is a whole new ball game. Skill here is not such a contributory factor to success as it is in the top flight. Second Division players do not give the time or the room seemingly apparent in the top flight. Even after only one whole season down, it was apparent ten days ago that Chelsea have absorbed that lesson. Though we helped them make a fight of it by alarming defensive lapses.

What we must hope for is a quick adjustment by the team as a whole to the new demands of this new division, both at home and away . . . especially away, though Luton was encouraging after Cambridge.

We must remember that one or two swallows do not make a summer as, equally, a couple of away shocks will not constitute the end of our promotion hopes.

The lads do . . . depend on you

ONCE AGAIN last Saturday there was a considerable following at Luton. These fans shook off the disappointment of Cambridge and, though numbers were much thinner on the ground at QPR last Tuesday, that was only to be expected for a mid-week game. Many must put work first in these hard times of redundancies, short-time and general lack of employment stability.

As long as the purse strings allow it, please keep on going away to follow Rams.

FAN OF THE WEEK

ANY DERBY COUNTY supporter who gets up at six in the morning on Saturdays to get to a HOME match is either as nutty as a fruit cake . . . or totally dedicated. On occasion, when I have met Mark Pickup from East Wittering in Sussex, at Derby Station, I get the feeling he is a bit of both, writes JOHN WARCUP.

What I like is that he isn't anxious to deny it. He hails from Whaley Bridge in the north of this splendid county of ours, and has always been a Rams fan. The lure of the Baseball Ground, even from as far afield as the Sussex coast, has always been too strong to resist.

Mark lives within spitting distance of First Division Brighton and Southampton. Defeat of Rams at the hands of either leaves him subject to leg-pulling from his Sussex mates, and our 4-nil defeat at Southampton last season left him desperately disappointed. But that wasn't as bitter a blow as relegation, he admits.

He feels strongly, and volubly, that the die was cast by Tommy Docherty, whose wheeling and dealing left us short of quality players. If their loss finally convinced David Langan and Gerry Daly to get on their bikes, then he backs the present manager's efforts to establish his own side. "I believe the logic of it all will emerge", he says. "There was no logic before". His memorable moments include last season's 4-1 thrashing of Forest but, especially, the 3-2 win here against Arsenal last September after we were two down at half time. "I'll always cherish the moment John Duncan headed that last-minute winner to crown a fantastic come-back".

One of the founder-members of the now re-emerging London branch of the Derby County Supporters Clubs. On occasion, when funds are low, he goes to Fratton to watch Portsmouth, or to see Brighton at the Goldstone. "I have to be almost out of money to be tempted to the Dell to see Southampton", he asserts fiercely.

Mark Pickup is pictured above after the Chelsea game a week last Wednesday, and he did not reach home until nine o'clock on the Thursday morning. But that is Mark, totally dedicated.

IF YOU find a lot of Q.P.R. fans in town on Tuesday, don't be surprised. Ron Burke of Sandiacre phones to say, "The Rangers programme for the League Cup this week gave the date for the second leg as September 2 — Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN?

DOWN AT the Ilkeston factory of the men's knitwear firm Cox Moore & Co Ltd, sections of the walls are plastered with Forest posters, pictures and paraphenalia.

An unsigned letter with an Ilkeston postmark tells us: "Your papers says that the ITV show *Sounding Brass* sneered at Derby County and says Ilkeston is in Derbyshire, but the fact is that there are hundreds of Forest fans here, especially at Cox Moore, whose managing director Mr. Richard Moore is Chairman of Derby County".

Says Mr. Moore: "What teams our employees support is none of our business".

But may we point out that in the latest issue of the firm's house journal, *Cox Moore News*, reference is made to just this point. We quote from it: ". . . we've still got lots of Rams fans in the firm, too, and none more keen than Work Study Department's newcomer Leigh Daniels, who has missed only one Derby game home and away, in the last two years.

"He says: "It's easy to be a great fan when you're winning. Mind, it's easy to be a Derby fan even when you're not, because we know this season **we'll be back** like our club's latest T-shirt proudly forecasts".

PS: The Rams' players Cashmere sweaters, complete with Ram motif, were made at Cox Moore too . . .

Is there a Ley Stand season ticket holder who picked up £150 in fivers last Saturday, after a pre-match bet with an affluent Hatters fan at Luton? We're told there is.

Leigh Daniels, Daniel in the Lion's Den?

HEY . . . what's wrong with our fans? Eight Pop-Siders in a hire van, who broke down on the M1 last Saturday, tell us that despite waving Rams' scarves at traffic carrying Derby County favours . . . they waited half an hour before a Good Samaritan stopped. He was Stan Ireson, a Manchester United fan who had been to watch his team at Birmingham (alone), and who had strayed off his route. "Nuts to our so-called fans", say the Pop-Siders, who add that they converted Stan to Rams' cause "by putting him up for the night".

OH, YE, of little faith, reports Bill Penn of Sancroft Road, Spondon: "On the way back from Cambridge a twerp from Ley Stand gave me 30-1 in tenners against Rams going up".

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TWO SEASON ticket holders ask us whether we know if its true a former Derby County player has bought an hotel in Derby? "Why do business, where he wouldn't play football?" asks P. F. and R. T. of Fife Street, Alvaston. On both scores . . . no comment from us.

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Date	Fixture	Att	Res	Pts	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	Cambridge U.	9,558	0-3	—	—	Jones	Emery	Buckley	Powell (S)	McFarland	Ramage	Clark	Powell (B)	Biley	Swindlehurst	Emson	Wilson
20	**Chelsea**	20,353	3-2	2	—	Jones	Emery	Buckley	Powell (S)	Osgood	Ramage	Clark	**Powell (B) 1**	**Biley 1**	Swindlehurst	Emson	Wilson | O.G. 1
23	Luton Town	11,025	2-1	4	8	Jones	Emery	Buckley	Powell (S)	**Osgood 1**	Ramage	Clark	Powell (B)	Biley	**Swindlehurst**	Emson (W)	| Richards (78)
26	Q.P.R. (L. Cup 2)	11,244	0-0	—	—	Jones	Emery (inj)	Buckley	Powell (S)	Osgood	Ramage	Clark	Powell (B)	Biley	Swindlehurst	Emson	Richards
30	**Bolton W.**																
Sept. 3	**Q.P.R.** (L. Cup 2)																
6	**Blackburn R.**																
13	Grimsby T.																
20	**Wrexham**																
24	League Cup 3																
27	Orient																
Oct. 4	**Sheffield Weds.**																
7	Watford																
11	Swansea C.																
18	**Queen's Park R.**																
22	**West Ham**																
25	Bristol C.																
29	League Cup (4)																
Nov. 1	**Shrewsbury T.**																
8	Notts C.																
12	Chelsea																
15	**Cambridge U.**																
22	Bristol R.																
29	**Cardiff C.**																
Dec. 6	Preston N.E.																
13	**Watford**																
20	West Ham																
26	**Oldham Ath.**																
27	Newcastle U.																
1981																	
Jan. 3	F.A. Cup 3rd Round																
10	**Bristol R**																
17	Bolton W.																
24	F.A. Cup 4th Round																
31	**Luton T.**																
Feb. 7	**Grimsby T.**																
14	Blackburn R (5)																
21	**Orient**																
28	Wrexham																
Mar. 7	Sheffield Wed. (6)																
14	**Swansea C.**																
21	Queen's Park R.																
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May 2	Cardiff C.																
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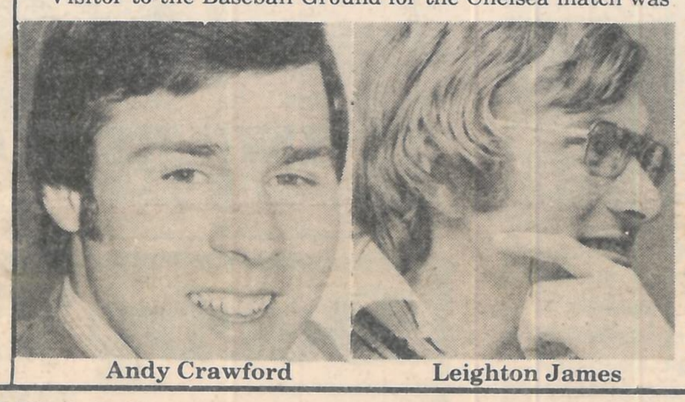

Andy Crawford Leighton James

FORMER RAMS PROMINENT LAST SATURDAY

A NUMBER of former Derby County players featured in Second Division matches last Saturday. Sold to Blackburn Rovers a year ago, and finishing top scorer in their promotion side, Andy Crawford didn't add to his lone goal of the season in the 1-1 draw at Orient.

He is still unsettled, and on the transfer list. A Sunday paper last week-end suggested Coventry were taking a close interest in him. Be that as it may, if he's still with Rovers next Saturday he is sure to be in their side due at the Baseball Ground.

Also doing well in Division Two is former Rams winger Terry Curran, a folk hero at Hillsborough, where he was a main cog in their promotion wheel last season. He has hit the high spots again this season, but little was seen of him at Meadow Lane last Saturday where Notts County went to the top of the division with a 2-nil win. The Magpies' star was another former Ram, Don Masson, who had such an indifferent spell at the Baseball Ground. He is currently getting rave notices from the critics for his performances while another ex-Ram, David Hunt, is also doing well for County. A fourth ex-Ram in the match was Ian King, who followed Dave Mackay to Walsall from here, and has forced his way back into Wednesday's side.

Visitor to the Baseball Ground for the Chelsea match was 1975 Championship full back Rod Thomas, now doing well with Cardiff, who reported that Leighton James is very happy with his new club Swansea City.

New Chelsea striker Peter Rhoades-Brown, who played at the Baseball Ground last week has been hitting the headlines and if he continues to do so journalists will be hoping he shortens his name, just as former Forester Ian Storey-Moore did a few years ago to become simple Ian Moore. Double-barrelled surnames have been something of a rarity in football in recent years, but last season Forbes Phillipson-Masters played a number of games in Southampton's defence.

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	5
Blackburn R	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	5
Orient	3	1	1	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
Cambridge	3	2	0	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	3	4
Oldham A.	3	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Luton T	3	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	4
Grimsby T	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
Derby County	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**4**
Bolton W	3	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	3
Q.P.R.	3	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Swansea C	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	3
Bristol C	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	3
Sheffield W	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	3
Preston N.E.	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Chelsea	3	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	4	5	2
Shrewsbury	3	0	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	2	2
West Ham	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Watford	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	4	2
Cardiff	3	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Bristol R	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	2
Wrexham	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	1
Newcastle	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	6	1

Oh, Gerry . .

GERRY DALY hit the Man of the Match rating for an all-star display in Coventry's 3-1 defeat of Arsenal at Highfield Road, though there was only a crowd of 15,399 to see it.

"He would have had a darned sight more to cheer him on at the Baseball Ground", writes Les Parker of Derby Road, Duffield. "There's more football future here that at Coventry which isn't a football city". Sour grapes, perhaps, but lots of Rams' fans were muttering 'we haven't seen Gerry in that sort of form for two years'.

What we did see on telly, though, was another ex Rams star Archie Gemmill scintillating in Birmingham's 0-0 draw with Manchester United, Toddy looking as classy as ever, and David Langan looking as though he is still settling in with his new team mates.

And all his old mates at the Baseball Ground felt their hearts going out to our former keeper Graham Moseley as the ball spun out of his hands to give Spurs a goal in Brighton's 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane. Gerry Ryan was out of the side, we noticed.

Nice, too, to see Charlie George looking so sharp, and getting a goal in Southampton's 2-1 win at Roker Park. And did you notice that Alan Cork got Wimbledon's winner against Port Vale?

CENTRAL LEAGUE

DERBY COUNTY RESERVES' SQUAD AUGUST 1980

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	**Preston**	0-0	Cherry	Skivington	Harby	Spooner	Sheridan	Osgood	Bartlett	Daly	King	Bowers	Reid	Clayton
19	Burnley	0-1	McKellar	Murray	Richards	Spooner	Sheridan	Skivington	Bowers	Bartlett	Clayton	Reid	King	Harby
23	**Everton**	1-2	Cherry	Lovatt	Harby	Spooner	Skivington	King (D)	**Bartlett 1**	Bowers	Murray	Reid	Clayton	
30	Stoke C.													
Sept. 6	Villa													
13	**Wolves**													
27	**Blackburn**													
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Oct. 4	Leeds U.													
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18	Coventry													
22	**Man. City**													
24	**Bolton W.**													
29	Sheffield Utd.													
Dec. 2	Liverpool													
6	**Forest**													
13	West Brom.													
20	**Liverpool**													
23	Bolton													
1981														
Jan. 10	Man. City													
17	**Stoke C.**													
31	Everton													
Feb. 7	Wolves													
14	**Villa**													
26	Blackburn R.													
28	**Coventry**													
Mar. 7	**Leeds U.**													
10	Huddersfield													
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28	Bury													
Apr. 1	Blackpool													
4	**Man. United**													
18	Newcastle													
25	Forest													
May 2	**Sheffield U.**													

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

Aug.	16	West Brom	0-3
Aug.	23	**Mansfield**	0-5
Aug.	30	Birmingham	
Sept.	6	**Bristol**	
Sept.	13	Villa	
Sept.	20	**Coventry**	
Sept.	27	Walsall	
Oct.	11	**Leicester**	
Oct.	18	Notts. C.	
Oct.	25	**Forest**	
Nov.	1	Bristol R.	
Nov.	8	Stoke C.	
Nov.	15	Shrewsbury	
Nov.	22	**Wolves**	
Nov.	29	Wolves	
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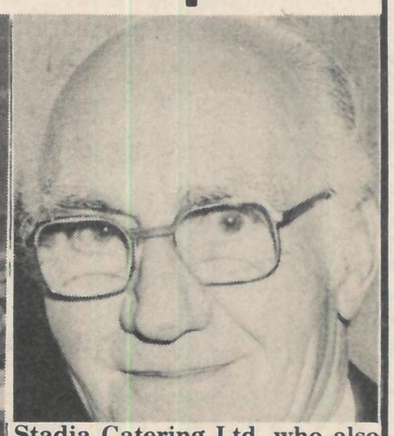
Mar.	7	**Shrewsbury**	

Lights on in the new Executive Box complex



Stadia Catering Ltd, who also handle the Villa Park complex, are looking after the catering requirements in the Boxes. For their added convenience Derby County have appointed Mr Thomas D. Edmonds (above) of Victory Road, Derby as Box Manager.

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A look at Bolton: with Phil Tweed

BOLTON WANDERERS FC: Back, left to right: Mike Bennett, Mike Carter, Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Peter Reid; Middle: Tadeusz Nowak, Paul Jones, Terry Poole, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Chris Thompson, Peter Nicholson. Front: Len Cantello, Alan Gowling, Dave Burke, Phil Wilson, Brian Kidd. (Photo: Harry McGuire, Bolton).

TROTTERS CONFIDENT OF A BRIGHT FUTURE

WHEN AN UNDESERVED defeat against Bristol City on April 12 finally condemned Bolton Wanderers to the Second Division following an uneasy two seasons in the top flight, it was time to take stock, assess the position, and seek a rapid return.

It would be understandable if there was a sense of failure at Burnden, even to the extent of living in the past. Any great club can be forgiven for such an immediate reaction. I don't believe, however, that such an outlook exists.

A quarter of a million pounds facelift has already started with improvements to their playing area during the close-season. Plans are now finalised for the complete re-seating of the main stand, in addition to other general improvements.

"Operation clean-up" is aimed at preserving Burnden Park as a major football ground during the 80's, but perhaps its greater significance is the proof of Bolton's faith in the future.

Whatever that future may hold for the famous Lancashire club it could well be a reflection of their proud history. Founded as Christ's Church F.C. in 1874, Bolton Wanderers were born three years later.

On their election to The League as one of the 12 original members in 1888, Bolton took a comparatively moderate course in those formative years. At League level, the club's subsequent achievements have never matched the promise.

Although they are now embarked on only their 22nd season outside the First Division since their election, League success has eluded them. Twice Champions of the Second Division, sandwiched by a Third Division title, the Burnden club has never housed the coveted League trophy.

It is in the F.A. Cup story that Wanderers' glorious chapters are written. Four successes from seven Final appearances, augmented by 12 semi-finals, proved them to be stern cup fighters. They remain one of the foremost contestants in the long history of that competition.

The significance of their present position can be traced back to 1964, a period which was to indicate the gulf between the City clubs possessing crowd potential, and those, such as Bolton, situated on the outskirts — feeling the draught of the abolition of the maximum wage.

That year saw the club relegated from the First Division after 29 consecutive years. Seven years later and Third Division football was featured on their fixture list.

The following two seasons were really an embarrassment to Bolton, but, following the appointment of Jimmy Armfield, later to be assisted by Ian Greaves, the Trotters won promotion.

In the wake of the success, Armfield succeeded Brian Clough at Leeds, leaving Greaves to continue the revival. And 1968 proved to be Wanderers' Everest when they won the Second Divisin Championship after being so close the two previous seasons.

Bolton's promotion companions that season were Southampton and Tottenham, both of whom have since hit the transfer headlines with timely signings. Wanderers' resources were much more limited and they were unable to do likewise.

Indeed, during their short stay in the First Division, only two away victories were achieved, which summarises the vain struggle, culminating in Greaves' departure earlier this year.

His successor, and former assistant manager, Stan Anderson, who enjoyed the unique experience of playing for the North East's "big three" — Sunderland, Newcastle and Middlesbrough — also laid the foundations for the Boro's emergence as a currently leading club, during his management. He believes that Bolton can bounce straight back to the top flight.

Looking back

ONLY 7 BOLTON WINS IN 92 YEARS

The Baseball Ground has rarely been a happy hunting ground for Bolton down the years since they won the first ever clash with Rams 3-2 in 1888.

Since then they have won only another six of 50 League games here, all but seven in Division One. But the last time Bolton won here was in the Second Division clash of 1964, when they succeeded by the odd goal in five.

The full return of Derby — Bolton results at Derby: Division One — Rams 30 wins, Bolton 6. Eight drawn; Division Two — Rams 4 wins, Bolton 1. Two drawn. Derby 119 goals, Bolton 55.

The last time the teams met here in the Second Division was on April 25, 1969 when Rams clinched promotion with a 5-1 win.

Derby: Green, Webster, Robson, Durban, McFarland, Mackay, Wignall, Carlin, O'Hare, Hector, Hinton.

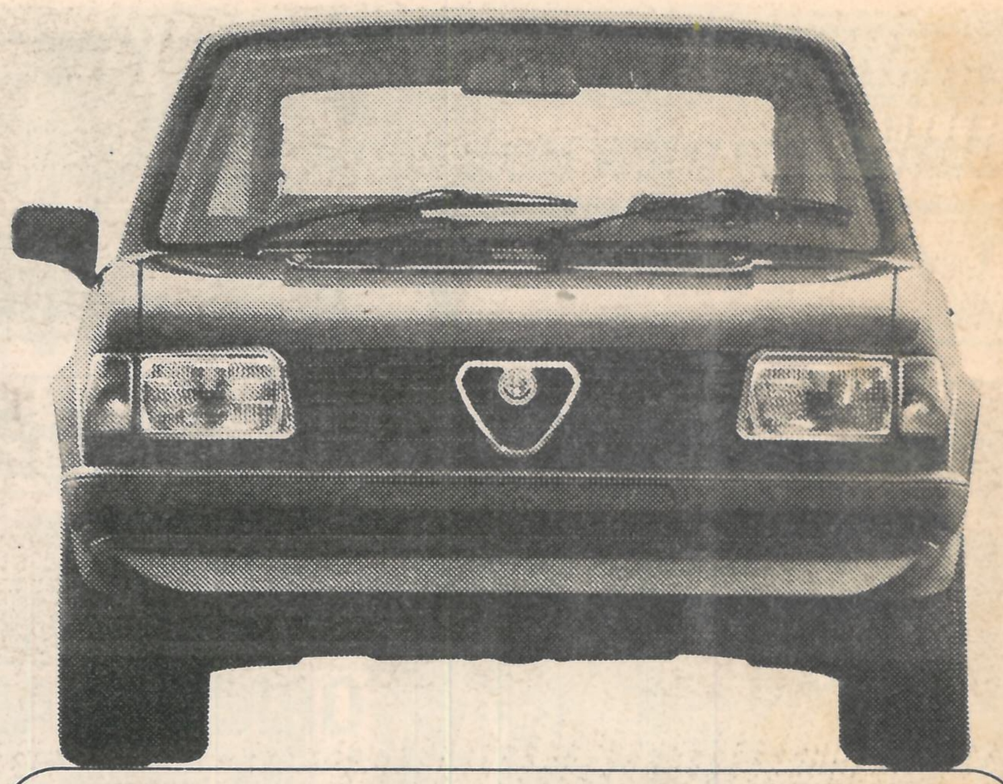
Bolton: Hopkinson, Cooper, Farrimond, Williams, Marsh, Rimmer, Phillips, Hall, Byrom, Greaves, Taylor.

Rams won in style with Hector, Wignall, McFarland, O'Hare and Carlin getting the goals. Greaves replied.

But in December 1976, Bolton then Division Two front-runners, beat then First Division Rams by a deserved 2-1 in the quarter finals of the League Cup here. Morgan and Neil Whatmore got their goals and Charlie George's penalty was the only reply.

Bolton's last two visits, both in Division One, ended in comprehensive wins for Derby! October 6, 1979. Attendance 16,810.

Derby County 4 (Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Rioch, McCaffery, Osgood, Emery, Moreland, Duncan, Davies, Emson, sub. Greenwood), Bolton Wanderers 0 (McDonagh, Clement, Burke, Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Worthington, McNab, sub. Cantello).



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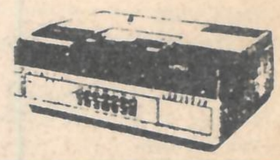

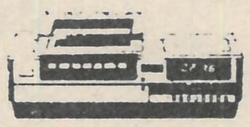

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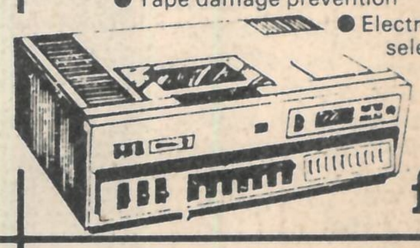

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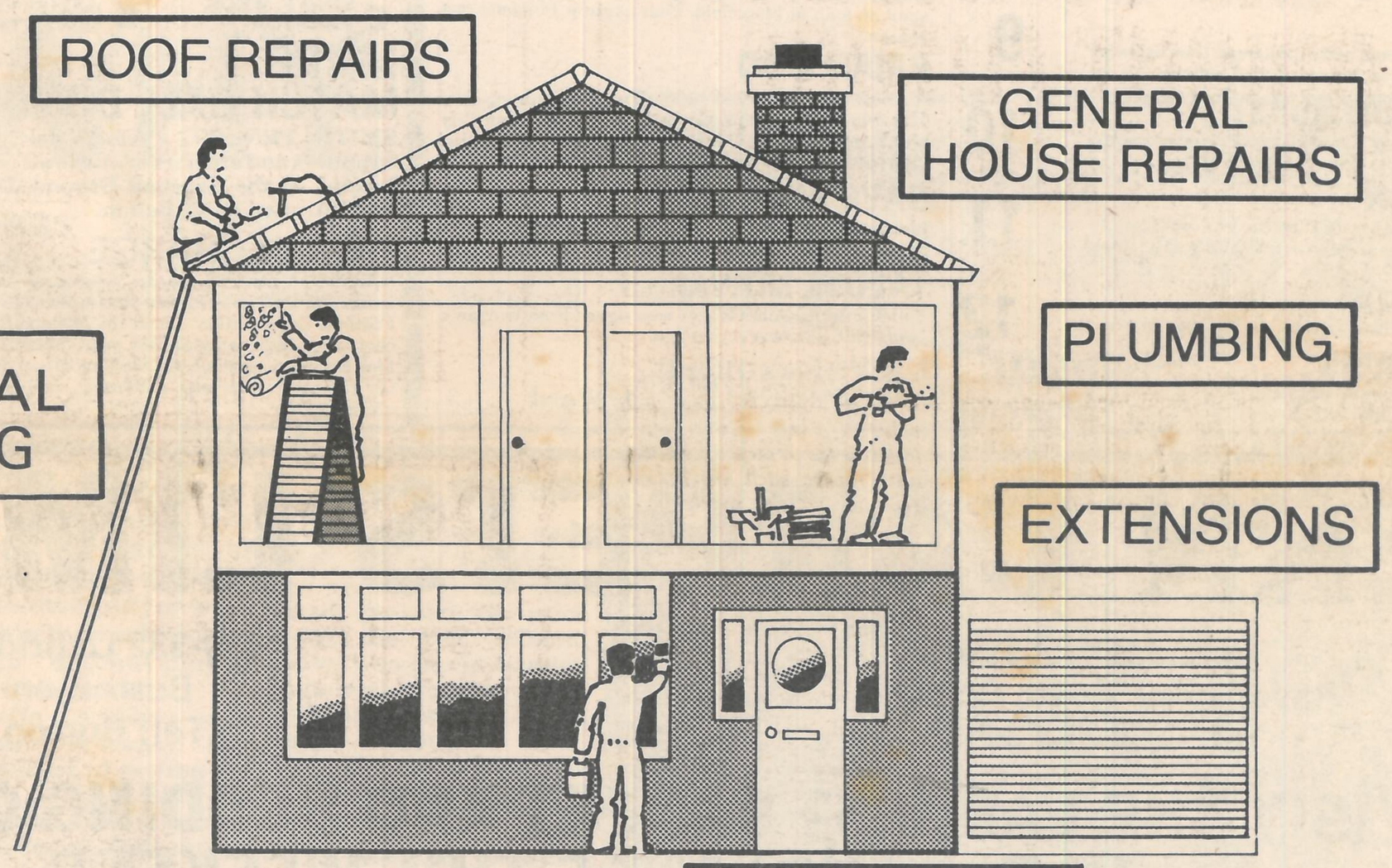

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A NEW "AT-A-GLANCE" MATCH-DAY GUIDE

RAMS

ROGER JONES
In view of the unsteadiness in front of him too often for comfort, has made an impressive start with his new club.

STEVE EMERY
Is improving in his new position in every game. His first-time crosses on the overlap catch the eye.

STEVE BUCKLEY
After a hesitant start to the season, is back to his best. Had a great match at QPR on Tuesday.

STEVE POWELL
Fitness problems have affected him, but he was all of his old self in the League Cup this week.

KEITH OSGOOD
Came in from the cold when Roy couldn't play against Chelsea ten days ago. And hasn't put a foot wrong since.

ALAN RAMAGE
Fans who query his pedigree should beware of instant judgment.

JONATHAN CLARK
Clubs who ignored his availability earlier must be rueing their decision on current form.

BARRY POWELL
Critics who decry his contribution in midfield are as wrong as we are when we spell his Christian name "Barrie".

ALAN BILEY
Illness on tour, and some hefty challenges from defences who fear his reputation, haven't dulled his edge.

DAVE SWINDLEHURST
Runs till he drops. This big 'un is a good 'un. So was his goal at Luton.

PAUL EMSON
When he plays it instinctively he can run the legs off most defenders, as he proved with the third goal against Chelsea.

KEVIN WILSON
Still waiting on the sidelines. One for the near future?

BOLTON WANDS.

1 DENNIS PEACOCK
Signed from Doncaster Rovers last March. Ex Forest junior. At 6ft 3in, one of the tallest keepers in the League.

2 MIKE GRAHAM
Lancaster-born, joined Wanderers from school. Debut two seasons ago. Strong tackler.

3 DAVID BURKE
Made his senior debut in the League Cup against Chelsea two seasons ago. Formerly in midfield.

4 PAUL WILSON
Former Bolton apprentice who came into the side last February at Arsenal and has retained his spot.

5 PAUL JONES
Has been a member of England's Under 23 and full international squads as a central defender. Almost 400 appearances.

6 MIKE WALSH
Joined Bolton from school. Can operate in central defence, at full back, or in midfield.

7 ALAN GOWLING
Formerly with Huddersfield and Man United, he cost £120,000 from Newcastle three seasons ago. University graduate.

8 NEIL WHATMORE
Has netted almost 100 goals for his only club. Leading scorer last season with 18, and is again among the goals.

9 MIKE CARTER
Debut in December 1979 against Bristol City after a spell on loan at Mansfield. Four goals in 11 games last season.

10 BRIAN KIDD
Member of Man United's 1968 Euro Cup winning side. Has two England caps. Spells with Arsenal, Man City and Everton. Joined Bolton last May. Hat-trick against Newcastle last Saturday.

11 DAVE HOGGAN
Former apprentice, signed full pro a year ago. Made his debut against Bristol City on April 12. A Scot.

12 TAEUSZ NOWAK
Polish international winger who signed from Warsaw's Legia club just over a year ago.

Result: RAMS . . . . . BOLTON . . . . . **Referee:** D. S. Vickers (Ilford) **Linesmen:** D. Pearson (red flag), A. Ward.

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Big moment for young Wayne Richards at Luton on Saturday, when he made his season's debut as substitute for Paul Emson.

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Gerry

● From Front

Colin Addison told *Ram:* "Although I want our fans always to be aware of what we are trying to do, and the problems we have to face, I hope and believe our well wishers will appreciate that in the long term our aim always has to be what is best both for the club, and the players concerned.

"As things have turned out, the chances are that this will be the position. There is little doubt that nobody else was going to come in for Gerry in the foreseeable future, and the player had started the season injured yet again."

"What we need now most of all is a settled side, and when we get a chance to strengthen the squad we shall be in a better position to do just that".

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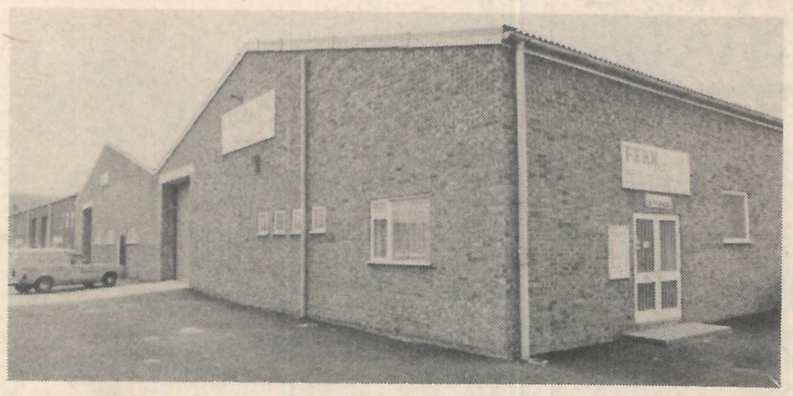

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